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Via E-Mail

The Honorable Benson E. Legg
United States District Court Judge
United States District Court
for the District of Maryland
Third Floor, Room 340
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

**RE: In the Matter of the Complaint of
Eternity Shipping Ltd., et al.
For Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability
Civil Action No. L-01-CV-0250**

Dear Judge Legg:

We represent American Bureau of Shipping ("ABS") and write in response to Your Honor's letter/order dated July 26, 2004, with respect to the captioned matter. In particular, we write to inform the Court of the status of Tate & Lyle's discovery requests as requested in point III of the aforementioned order.

As we informed the Court in our letter of May 13, 2004, ABS has fully responded to Tate & Lyle's discovery requests. Accordingly, the issue is moot. We have discussed this issue with counsel for Tate & Lyle who agrees that no discovery dispute regarding ABS's production remains.

We trust that the foregoing satisfactorily addresses the question put forward by the Court. If Your Honor would like for us to address the matter in further detail, we would be pleased to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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